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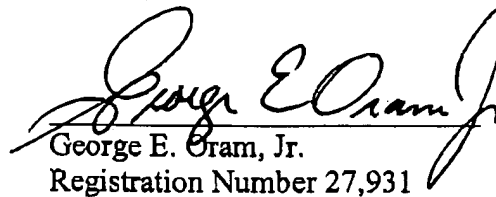
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**MESSAGE/INSTRUCTIONS**

Re: **Request for Participation in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Program**  
U.S. Patent Application Number: 10/568,505  
Inventor: Yuichi MATSUO et al.  
Filed: February 16, 2006  
Attorney Docket Number: 108421-00127  
For: PURIFICATION CATALYST FOR EXHAUST GAS, PRODUCTION METHOD THEREFOR, AND PURIFICATION CATALYST DEVICE FOR EXHAUST GAS

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# REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY (PPH) PILOT PROGRAM BETWEEN THE (1) JPO OR (2) UKIPO, AND THE USPTO

Application No.:	10/568,505	First Named Inventor:	Yuichi MATSUO et al.
Filing Date:	February 16, 2006	Attorney Docket No.:	108421-00127
Title of the Invention:	PURIFICATION CATALYST FOR EXHAUST GAS, PRODUCTION METHOD THEREFOR, AND PURIFICATION CATALYST DEVICE FOR EXHAUST GAS		

THIS REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PPH PILOT PROGRAM MUST BE FAXED TO:  
 THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS AT 571-273-0125 DIRECTED TO THE ATTENTION OF MAGDALEN GREENLIEF

APPLICANT HEREBY REQUESTS PARTICIPATION IN THE PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY (PPH) PILOT PROGRAM AND PETITIONS TO MAKE THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED APPLICATION SPECIAL UNDER THE PPH PILOT PROGRAM.

The above-identified application validly claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) and 37 CFR 1.55 to one or more corresponding JPO application(s) or UKIPO application(s).

The ☒ JPO ☐ UKIPO application number(s) is/are: 2003-321214, now Japanese Patent No. 3843090

The filing date of the ☒ JPO ☐ UKIPO application(s) is/are: September 12, 2003

## I. List of Required Documents:

- a. A copy of all JPO office actions (excluding "Decision to Grant a Patent") in the above-identified JPO application(s), or a copy of all UKIPO office actions in the above-identified UKIPO application(s).

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It is not necessary to submit a copy of the "Decision to Grant a Patent" and an English translation thereof.

- b. A copy of all claims which were determined to be patentable by the JPO in the above-identified JPO application(s), or a copy of all claims which were determined to be patentable by the UKIPO in the above-identified UKIPO application(s).

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- c. English translations (where applicable) of the documents in a. and b. above along with a statement that the English translations are accurate are attached.

Information disclosure statement listing the documents cited in the JPO office actions or UKIPO office actions was filed September 12, 2006.

Copies of all documents are attached except for U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications.

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(continued)

Application No.: 10/568,505

First Named Inventor: Yuichi MATSUO et al.

## II. Claims Correspondence Table:

Claims in US Application	Patentable Claims in JP/UKIPO Application	Explanation regarding the correspondence
1. A purification catalyst for exhaust gas, comprising an aluminum oxide supporting a Pd oxide, wherein the aluminum oxide is $\text{LnAlO}_3$ in which Ln is a rare-earth element, and wherein crystal system of the aluminum oxide is trigonal or rhombohedral. 3. The purification catalyst for exhaust gas of claim 1, wherein the Pd oxide contains at least $\text{Ln}_2\text{PdO}_4$ in which Ln is a rare-earth element.	1. A purification catalyst for exhaust gas, comprising an Al oxide supporting a Pd oxide, wherein the Al oxide is $\text{LnAlO}_3$ (Ln is a rare-earth element), and the Pd oxide contains at least $\text{Ln}_2\text{PdO}_4$ (Ln is a rare-earth element).	
	2. The purification catalyst for exhaust gas according to claim 1, wherein crystal system of the Al oxide is trigonal or rhombohedral.	
4. The purification catalyst for exhaust gas according to claim 1 or 3, wherein the catalyst is produced by adding at least one kind of compound selected from the group of compounds of carboxylic acid having a hydroxyl group or a mercapto group and having a carbon number of 2 to 20, dicarboxylic acid having a carbon number of 2 or 3, and monocarboxylic acid having a carbon number of 1 to 20 to aqueous nitrate solution including a component.	3. The purification catalyst for exhaust gas according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the catalyst is produced by adding at least one kind of compound selected from the group of compounds of carboxylic acid having a hydroxyl group or a mercapto group and having a carbon number of 2 to 20, dicarboxylic acid having a carbon number of 2 or 3, and monocarboxylic acid having a carbon number of 1 to 20 to aqueous nitrate solution including Ln and Pd.	
5. The purification catalyst for exhaust gas according to claim 4, wherein the catalyst is produced by evaporating the aqueous nitrate solution completely, to produce a carboxylic acid complex polymer and by heating the carboxylic acid complex polymer.	4. The purification catalyst for exhaust gas according to claim 3, wherein the catalyst is produced by evaporating the aqueous nitrate solution completely, to produce a carboxylic acid complex polymer and by heating the carboxylic acid complex polymer.	
6. A production method for a purification catalyst for exhaust gas, the method comprising: preparing at least one kind of compound selected from a group of compounds of carboxylic acid having a hydroxyl group or a mercapto group and having a carbon number of 2 to 20, dicarboxylic acid having a carbon number of 2 or 3, and monocarboxylic acid having a carbon number of 1 to 20; and adding at least one compound selected from the group to an aqueous nitrate solution including a component.	5. A production method for a purification catalyst for exhaust gas in which Pd oxide contains at least $\text{Ln}_2\text{PdO}_4$ (Ln is a rare-earth element), the method comprising: preparing at least one kind of compound selected from a group of compounds of carboxylic acid having a hydroxyl group or a mercapto group and having a carbon number of 2 to 20, dicarboxylic acid having a carbon number of 2 or 3, and monocarboxylic acid having a carbon number of 1 to 20; and adding at least one compound selected from the group to an aqueous nitrate solution including Ln and Pd and an aqueous nitrate solution including Ln and Al.	

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Application No.: 10/568,505 First Named Inventor: Yuichi MATSUO et al.

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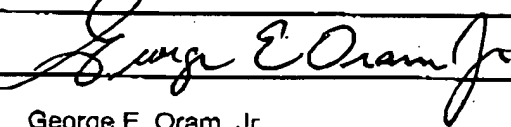
Claims in US Application	Patentable Claims in JP/UKIPO Application	Explanation regarding the correspondence
7. The production method for a purification catalyst for exhaust gas according to claim 6, the method comprising: evaporating aqueous carboxylic acid completely to produce a carboxylic acid complex polymer; and heating the carboxylic acid complex polymer.	6. The production method for a purification catalyst for exhaust gas according to claim 5, the method comprising: evaporating aqueous carboxylic acid completely to produce a carboxylic acid complex polymer; and heating the carboxylic acid complex polymer.	
8. The production method for a purification catalyst for exhaust gas according to claim 7, wherein a heating temperature in the heating of the carboxylic acid complex polymer is not more than 1000°C.	7. The production method for a purification catalyst for exhaust gas according to claim 6, wherein a heating temperature in the heating of the carboxylic acid complex polymer is not more than 1000°C.	
9. (Amended) A purification catalyst apparatus for automobile exhaust gas having Pd oxide supported on Al oxide for purifying exhaust gas emitted from an automobile, wherein the Al oxide is $\text{LnAlO}_3$ in which Ln is a rare-earth element, and wherein crystal system of the aluminum oxide is trigonal or rhombohedral.	8. A purification catalyst apparatus for automobile exhaust gas having Pd oxide supported on Al oxide for purifying exhaust gas emitted from an automobile, wherein the Al oxide is $\text{LnAlO}_3$ (Ln is a rare-earth element), and Pd oxide contains at least $\text{Ln}_2\text{PdO}_4$ (Ln is a rare-earth element).	

III. All the claims in the US application sufficiently correspond to the patentable/allowable claims in the JPO or UKIPO application.

## IV. Payment of Fees:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h) as required by 37 CFR 1.102(d) to ☒ Deposit Account No. 01-2300

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I, Mikio Suenari, being familiar with the Japanese and English languages, hereby declare that I am the translator of the documents attached and certify that to the best of my knowledge and believe the following is a true and accurate translation of Japanese Patent No. 3843090.

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Mikio Suenari

Date

  
December 29, 2007

## PATENT CLAIMS

1. A purification catalyst for exhaust gas, comprising an Al oxide supporting a Pd oxide, wherein the Al oxide is  $\text{LnAlO}_3$  (Ln is a rare-earth element), and the Pd oxide contains at least  $\text{Ln}_2\text{PdO}_4$  (Ln is a rare-earth element).
2. The purification catalyst for exhaust gas according to claim 1, wherein crystal system of the Al oxide is trigonal or rhombohedral.
3. The purification catalyst for exhaust gas according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the catalyst is produced by adding at least one kind of compound selected from the group of compounds of carboxylic acid having a hydroxyl group or a mercapto group and having a carbon number of 2 to 20, dicarboxylic acid having a carbon number of 2 or 3, and monocarboxylic acid having a carbon number of 1 to 20 to aqueous nitrate solution including Ln and Pd.
4. The purification catalyst for exhaust gas according to claim 3, wherein the catalyst is produced by evaporating the aqueous nitrate solution completely, to produce a carboxylic acid complex polymer and by heating the carboxylic acid complex polymer.
5. A production method for a purification catalyst for exhaust gas in which Pd oxide contains at least  $\text{Ln}_2\text{PdO}_4$  (Ln is a rare-earth element), the method comprising:

preparing at least one kind of compound selected from a group of compounds of carboxylic acid having a hydroxyl group or a mercapto group and having a carbon number of 2 to 20, dicarboxylic acid having a carbon number of 2 or 3, and monocarboxylic acid having a carbon number of 1 to 20; and

adding at least one compound selected from the group to an aqueous nitrate solution including Ln and Pd and an aqueous nitrate solution including Ln and Al.

6. The production method for a purification catalyst for exhaust gas according to claim 5, the method comprising:

evaporating aqueous carboxylic acid completely to produce a carboxylic acid complex polymer; and

heating the carboxylic acid complex polymer.

7. The production method for a purification catalyst for exhaust gas according to claim 6, wherein a heating temperature in the heating of the carboxylic acid complex polymer is not more than 1000°C.

8. A purification catalyst apparatus for automobile exhaust gas having Pd oxide supported on Al oxide for purifying exhaust gas emitted from an automobile, wherein the Al oxide is  $\text{LnAlO}_3$  (Ln is a rare-earth element), and Pd oxide contains at least  $\text{Ln}_2\text{PdO}_4$  (Ln is a rare-earth element).

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## Decision to Grant a Patent

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Date of Drafting: Heisei 18(2006) July 26

Patent examiner: EBIHARA, Eiko 3343 4G00

Title of invention: An emission-gas-purification catalyst, its manufacture method, and emission-gas-purification catalyst equipment for vehicles

The number of claims: 8

Applicant: HONDA MOTOR CO. LTD.

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This application is to be granted a patent as there is no reason for refusal.



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1. Distinction of Patent: Usually

2. Reference documents: \*\*

3. Application of Patent Law, Section 30: Nothing

4. Change of Title of Invention: Nothing

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2. Reference patent documents

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3. Reference books and magazines

Jon Hangan and Observation of aluminate whiskers and nanotubes in dynamometer-aged three way automotive catalysts, Catalysis Letters, 2003 April 15, Vol.86, No.4, p.267-272

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